

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the instant amendment. By the instant amendment, claims 9-20 have been canceled, claim 6 has been rewritten to be dependent from claim 1, claim 1 has been amended to be consistent with claim 6 and claim 5 and 8 have been withdrawn. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Claims 1-4 and 6-7 are presented to the Examiner for prosecution on the merits

A. Election of Species

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner has made an election requirement to the following species:

- Species 1, reading on figures 2A-3B;
- Species 2, reading on figure 4;
- Species 3, reading on figures 5A-5I;
- Species 4, reading on figures 6A-6H; and
- Species 5, reading on figures 7A-7H.

Applicants respectfully submit that Species 4 and 5 are a single embodiment, as these sets of figures are merely different views of the same process. Applicant hereby elects Species 3. As can be clearly seen from the revised dependency structure of the claims, claim 1 is generic to Species 1-3. It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4 and 6-7, depending therefrom, read on Species 3. In the event a generic claim is found to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that all claims depending therefrom be rejoined.

B. Conclusion


Thus, Species 3 has been elected. If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

Receipt of the initial Office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION and
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

This document and any concurrently filed papers are believed to be timely. Should any extension of the term be required, applicant hereby petitions the Director for such extension and requests that any applicable petition fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

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Any additional fee(s) necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the accompanying-papers may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.